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In re application of Brigitte FALCONNIER

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Application No.: 09/423,665

Art Unit: 1761

Filed: November 22, 1999

Examiner: Curtis Edward SHERRER

For: NOVEL CLEAR BEVERAGE OPTIONALLY ALCOHOLIC CONTAINING ANETHOL
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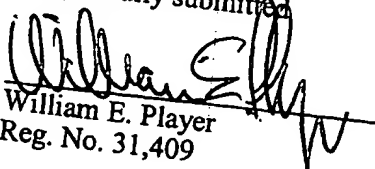
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Accordingly, the fee being unnecessarily paid, **refund** of the \$950 fee paid June 2, 2004, for extension of time, is in order.

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Attachments: (1) Request for Refund, filed 06-02-04, & Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission
(2) Decision on Petition, mailed 09-21-04



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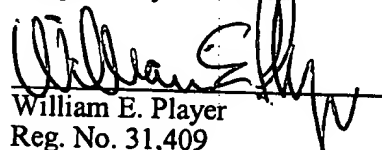
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DECISION ON
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This is a response to the reconsideration of the PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181 TO WITHDRAW FINALITY OF THE OFFICE ACTION mailed December 31, 2001.

Applicant received a decision on their request on June 2, 2004, whereby the petition was granted and it was held that the period for response set forth in the December 2, 2003 office action still applied. However the office action of December 2, 2003 did not take into consideration the amendment that was filed December 31, 2001. Applicants filed a request for a Continued Prosecution Application on February 28, 2002. The CPA Transmittal instructed that the amendment filed on December 31, 2001 was to be entered.

DECISION

The instant request has been accepted as a reconsideration of the petition decision of June 2, 2004 under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee).

The amendment filed December 31, 2001 will be entered and the application shall be forwarded to the examiner for a new office action.

The Petition is GRANTED.

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Transmitted herewith, by facsimile, are:

- ☒ **Notice of Appeal and Request for Refund of Associated Fee**
☒ **Petition for Extension of Time and Request for Partial Refund of Extension Fee**
☒ **Fee payment** ☒ **Payment Form PTO-2038 (credit card) for \$1280 is attached.**
☐ **Charge \$ * to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.**

Fee Calculation

Excess Claims					
	Nº of Claims	Highest Nº Paid For	Excess Claims	Small Brutto Fee	Large Brutto Fee
Total	*	* -	0	@ \$9 -	@ \$18 -
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[] Multiple Dependent Claims (1 st Filing)				@ \$145 -	@ \$290 -
Extension of Time Fee				\$	\$330
Other: Notice of Appeal				\$	\$350
Total Fee Due				\$0	\$120

- ☐ If a petition for extension of time is necessary, but not enclosed, then this acts as the petition. Charge any fees additionally necessary in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

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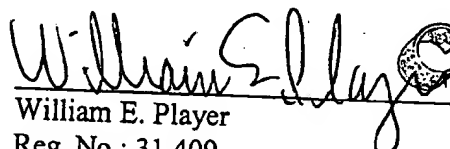
During a subsequent telephone conversation with Examiner Curtis Sherrer on June 2, 2004, Examiner Sherrer informed Applicant's undersigned representative that a Notice of Appeal (or other appropriate after-final paper) would still need to be filed on June 2, 2004, the non-extendable (statutory) deadline for responding to the final Office Action. Although finality of the Office Action would be withdrawn (as explained above), Examiner Sherrer indicated that the withdrawal was not yet *official*, since it had not been mailed.

Accordingly, partial refund of the \$950 extension fee – in the amount of \$530 – is requested. That is, had the request for reconsideration, filed April 2, 2004, been timely acted on, there would have been sufficient time to file the necessary reply to the final Office Action by May 2, 2004, with a two-month extension and the corresponding \$420 extension fee. For the record, Applicant's representatives requested timely action on the request for reconsideration by telephone, *inter alia*, on or about April 27, 2004.

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